

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

BOX SEQUENCE

Seishi KATO et al.

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HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING HYDROPHOBIC DOMAINS AND DNAS ENCODING THESE PROTEINS THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY OF THE PERSON THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated March 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified

application as follows: